



Good morning. This morning I thank the committee members for being present.

My name is Grisela Luna; I live in New Haven CT, I am a leader with the Make the Road Connecticut Fight Back Committee and I am in favor of H.B. 6616 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF HUSKY HEALTH BENEFITS TO THOSE INELIGIBLE DUE TO IMMIGRATION STATUS.

I am a daughter of immigrant parents and day and night I have seen the hard work and countless struggles my parents have faced. Not having healthcare access constantly made them neglect their own health needs. It was hard as a kid watching my mother not go to the hospital when she was in pain. It was hard to accept the reality of Connecticut's failure to care for all its people. They are human beings and deserve the right to care.

Not only is expanding healthcare access a moral thing to do, but it is incredibly important to a large number of people in our state. Expanding HUSKY to undocumented is NOT a controversial issue and is supported by a majority of CT voters! 57% of voters support expanding HUSKY to ALL undocumented immigrants - - including 84% of Democrats, 83% of Black voters and 76% of Latinx voters<sup>1</sup>.

The majority understands that we can't ensure a healthy community until everyone is taken care of. Sickness doesn't just not happen because a person doesn't have immigration status. We all can get sick and if and when we do, we must ensure one of the most vulnerable populations is being supported.

I support H.B. 6616 and hope the committee will support it as well and vote for it.

Thank you for your time,  
Grisela Luna

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<sup>1</sup> [Research on Support for Allowing Undocumented Immigrants to Access Medicaid in Connecticut \(July 2022\)](#)